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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM FOR KIRK VISIT: BACKGROUND TO VISIT

1. BACKGROUND TO VISIT. PM KIRK DISCUSSED HIS VISIT
TO WASHINGTON WITH ME ON 31 AUG :

HE REGARDS BASIC PURPOSE OF HIS SHORT VISIT AS A
CHANCE FOR FREE RANGING TALK WITH PRESIDENT. HE DOES NOT
WANT SET AGENDA AND DOES NOT PROPOSE TAKE UP DETAILED OR
CONTENTIOUS POINTS REQUIRING LENGTHY BRIEFING. HE HOPES
FOR SIMILAR MEETING WITH DR KISSINGER AND SUCH OTHER
OFFICIALS AS MAY BE AVAILABLE SUCH AS THE SECSTATE, SECY AGRIC
AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.
HE MAY ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. HE DESIRES
THAT HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WHILE OFFICIAL, INVOLVE
MINIMUM PROTOCOL AND MAXIMUM TIME FOR TALK WITH CONCERNED
OFFICIALS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS CHARACTER.
HE IS A REASONABLE, BUT SENSITIVE MAN WITH EXCELLENT
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BRAIN AND MEMORY, WHO WILL TALK ACCORDING TO HIS MOOD.

HE HAS MANY FRIENDS IN AMERICAN SOME OF WHOM HE HOPES TO VISIT DURING THE FIRST, UNOFFICIAL PART OF HIS TRIP, AND ADMIRES AMERICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FREEDOM. HE WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT INDOCHINA AND DEEPLY REGRETS OCCURANCE WATERGATE AT A TIME WHEN USG RIGHTLY WANTS TO MOVE AHEAD ON MANY NECESSARY INTERNATIONAL FRONTS ESPECIALLY TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS. HE IS A POLITICAL PRAGMATIST WHO TALKS AND LISTENS WELL. HE LIKES STRAIGHT TALK AND QUICK REPORTEE.

3. HE IS BASICALLY AND STUBBORNLY DEDICATED TO HELPING THE POOR MAN AND THE SMALL COUNTRY. HE ALSO BELIEVES A MORAL FOREIGN POLICY "IS THE MOST ENLIGHTENED FORM OF SELF-INTEREST." HE BELIEVES NZ CAN PLAY A USEFUL ROLE WITH SMALL ASIAN/PACIFIC NATIONS AND BETWEEN THEM AND GREAT POWERS.

4. AS OF AUGUST 31 HE HAD THE FOLLOWING GENERAL TOPICS ON HIS MIND FOR DISCUSSION AND WAS PLANNING TO USE THE FIRST TWO AS THEMES FOR HIS UN SPEECH SEPT 26, BUT OTHER TOPICS MAY SEEM MORE RELEVANT OR BETTER SUIT HIS MOODS BY THE TIME HE REACHES WASHINGTON:

A. NUCLEAR BAN. PROBABLY KIRK'S DEEPEST FEELING IS AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTING. HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE NOT ONLY OPPOSES FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING, BUT THAT HIS LONG RANGE BASIC AIM IS TO USE WHATEVER INFLUENCE NEW ZEALAND HAS AGAINST ALL TESTING AND USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE HAS SAID, "THERE IS A SUICIDAL URGE TO STOCKPILE NUCLEAR WEAPONS." HE IS DETERMINED TO EXPLORE AT THE TOP LEVEL THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EVENTUAL CREATION OF A PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. HE IS INSUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUEVER AREA FOR NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AS THE USSR ACHIEVES MIRV CAPACITY AND SALT COMES TO THE CRUNCH.

B. AN EFFECTIVE UN. HE HAS SAID THAT IN THE YEARS SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE UN AND THE ICJ "THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE QUIETLY SHUFFLED BACKWARDS". HE IS DEDICATED TO USING ALL HIS INFLUENCE CONSTRUCTIVELY

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TO STRENGTHEN USEFUL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS FORUMS AND VEHICLES FOR SMALL NATIONS SO THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL NOT BE UNDERRATED AS THE LARGE POWERS ACT IN SELF INTEREST. HE BELIEVES THE US CAN BECOME AND THE COMMONWEALTH IS BECOMING MORE USEFUL. HE SAYS THE COMMONWEALTH FACED THE QUESTION OF ITS OWN EXTINCTION AT ITS SINGAPORE MEETING AND BEGAN TO FIND ITSELF RECENTLY IN OTTAWA. HE IS PROUD

THAT HE OFFERED TO PARTICIPATE WITH NZ POLICE OR TROOPS UNDER COMMONWEALTH AUSPICES TO HELP REASSURE WHITE KENYANS AS BLACK KENYANS MOVE TOWARD POWER. HE SAID INTERNATIONAL POLICE, SOME OF WHOM WERE NEW ZEALANDERS, HELPED KEEP PEACE IN CYPRUS. HE IS PREPARED TO OFFER NZ POLICE OR TROOPS UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS. HE IS COMMITTED TO TRIPLING NZ FOREIGN AID IN SEA AND THE PACIFIC WITHIN THREE YEARS. HE DOES NOT WANT NZ TO ABSTAIN AT THE UN, BUT TO TAKE DEFINITE POSITIONS, UNLESS HE PERSONALLY APPROVES ABSTENTION ON AN ISSUE.

C. ANZUS. ALTHOUGH NOT CONVINCED THAT THE US WOULD USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO PROTECT NEW ZEALAND AND BELIEVING THE US WILL CONTINUE TO REDUCE ITS ASIAN POWER BASE, HE REGARDS ANZUS AS THE CORNERSTONE OF NEW ZEALANDS SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE. WHILE QUIETLY ENCOURAGING SEA COOPERATION HE FORESEES CONTINUED ASIAN TENSIONS AND HE MADE ANZUS THE BASIS OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY PLATFORM IN HIS VERY SUCCESSFUL ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IN NOVEMBER 1972 ("NZ RELATIONS WITH THE US REMAIN OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO US. THE ANZUS TREATY HAS...CONTINUING VALIDITY FOR NZ": KIRK'S INTRODUCTION TO MFA REPORT, 3/31/73.) HE HAS SOUGHT A MORE INDEPENDENT REGIONAL ROLE FOR NEW ZEALANDS IN SEA AND THE PACIFIC AND HAS SAID "I DON'T THINK NZ IS A

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HE HAS PUBLICLY EXPLAINED HIS POLICY ON THE
GROUNDS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR NEW ZEALANDERS TO
STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET, ADDING "AND THAT'S WHAT THE
NIXON DOCTRINE IS ALL ABOUT." HE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT
THE NEXT ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN
WELLINGTON IN FEBRUARY.

D. US CITIZENS IN NZ. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
MORE AMERICANS LIVING AND WORKING IN NEW ZEALAND,
PARTICULARLY THOSE WHOSE ENERGY AND KNOW-HOW WOULD
BE USEFUL. HE FEELS THEY SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED AND
THUS HOPES THEY MIGHT BE GRANTED DUAL CITIZENSHIP.
FAILING THAT HE WANTS MORE INTERCHANGE OF USEFUL PEOPLE
BETWEEN THE US AND NZ. HE HAS THUS UNILATERALLY
INCREASED NZ'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE NZ-AMERICAN
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BY NZ\$25,000.

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E. ECONOMICS. DESPITE EXCELLENT EXPORTS (ACCORD-
ING TO NZ RESERVE BANK TOTAL US-NZ TRADE INCREASED
NZ\$30 MILLION OR 7 PERCENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING
JUNE 30; THE TRADE BALANCE CONTINUED AS FOR PAST
DECADE AT 1.6 TO 1 IN NZ'S FAVOR) INFLATION AND LABOR
PROBLEMS ARE PASSING THE THRESHOLDS OF POLITICAL
ACCEPTABILITY FOR KIRK. ALTHOUGH HE IS A POLITICAL
ANIMAL NOT BASICALLY INTERESTED IN ECONOMICS, HE KNOWS
IT CAN'T BE IGNORED AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HIM
THAT NEW ZEALANDERS SEE THAT HE DOES SOMETHING ABOUT
ECONOMICS WHILE IN WASHINGTON. HE HAS THE GATT TALKS
IN MIND. HE KNOWS NEW ZEALAND HAS BEEN TOO PROTECTION-
IST FOR TOO MANY OF ITS INDUSTRIES FOR TOO LONG. HE
WILL BE INTERESTED IN US-NZ COOPERATION TO GET BETTER
ACCESS FOR THEIR NON-COMPETITIVE AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS
IN THE EC AND JAPAN. HE PROBABLY WANTS TO ACHIEVE AN
IMPROVED BILATERAL, ECONOMIC ATMOSPHERE IN WASHINGTON.
HE WILL NOT SEEK DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS.

5. POSSIBLE RESULTS. KIRK IS NOT LOOKING FOR AN
"HISTORIC" DECLARATION PLEDGING CLOSER US-NZ TIES.

NEITHER DOES HE WANT TO APPEAR A PILGRIM, COME TO WASHINGTON FOR OFFICIAL BLESSING. HE WANTS TO BE SEEN AS A TRUE AND INDEPENDENT FRIEND. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE WAY IN WHICH KIRK HAS THOUGH OUT NZ'S REGIONAL POLICY AND ITS INCREASED AID TO THE AREA.

6. SPECIFICALLY HE WOULD BE PUBLICLY HELPED BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT NAMING A US AMBASSADOR TO NZ; AGREEING ON THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW ZEALAND, AND HE WOULD BE GRATIFIED IF THE US WOULD MATCH NEW ZEALAND'S INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO NZ-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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